

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Alternatives

Of all the subjects on the comprehensive agenda which Mr. Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Laniel will discuss at Bermuda in a fortnight's time, that pertaining to the political problems of Western Europe will undoubtedly receive the closest attention. And the question of ratification of the European Defence Community treaty must loom large in the discussions. Unfortunately the Ministers at Bermuda cannot count on early ratification and they may, therefore, be confronted with the need for seeking alternative solutions. That too poses a difficulty. For the mere fact that alternatives are considered may diminish the chance that the Defence Community can ever be accepted. The French Assembly may see opportunities for further postponement while the Federal German Parliament, if direct admission to the North Atlantic Treaty is mooted at all, may refuse to consider anything less. Yet some thought of alternatives seems inevitable. One possible alternative is a further tightening of Britain's undertaking to the Community, and another is the direct admission of Germany to NATO, subject to special provisions on the manufacture of armaments.

It might be possible for Britain to extend her commitment from the shorter period covered by the North Atlantic Treaty to the full 50 years of the European Defence Treaty. It might be possible for Britain to guarantee also that her armed forces on the Continent will not be reduced below their present strength without the consent of the Defence Community. That might help to allay French fears, but it is not likely to be enough. The second alternative—Western Germany within the Atlantic Treaty—would be no more than an acknowledgment of what will virtually happen anyway. But the important provision, if Germany were admitted to NATO, would lie in the control of the armaments industry. Yet even this would still leave two questions unanswered: would such an undertaking, reinforced by the signatures of all of the North Atlantic nations satisfy the French? And would the Germans now be willing to give it? It would have to be negotiated and ratified swiftly, if at all.

How not to give a Tennis Party

Bad hosts are born and not made; not everyone can make a failure of a tennis party. Nevertheless there are certain observances which may be relied upon to reduce the chances of success.



For instance, do not roll the court before the guests arrive. Let them do it themselves while you maintain a flow of good-humoured banter.



Do not mend the holes in the wire-netting. Searching for balls in the middle of a ding-dong game is a great fermenter of temper.

AND ABOVE ALL, do not on any account provide long ice-cold drinks of Rose's Lime Juice for between-the-sets refreshment. If the imperfect host were to forget by chance this cardinal rule of inhospitality, the sharp and utterly satisfying tang of Nature's most thirst-quenching drink could not fail to produce content. The party would be a success.

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THE QUEEN BEGINS HER TOUR

Cheered By Thousands At London Airport TUMULTUOUS FAREWELL

London, Nov. 23.

Britain tonight said "Goodbye—good luck—and a safe return" to its radiant young Queen Elizabeth and her tall, handsome sailor husband as they started out on another Elizabethan voyage of discovery that will take them to the distant corners of the far-flung British Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh left London Airport with the cheers of a huge crowd still ringing in their ears and the good wishes of all the nation with them as they entered the first stage of their journey to the colonies and dominions—a journey that will see a reigning British monarch circumnavigate the globe for the first time in history.

In a farewell message last night to the royal couple, the BBC recalled memories of the splendid first Elizabethan age when the gallant Sir Francis Drake in his little ship, the Golden Hind, "brought back the world" to his sovereign lady, Elizabeth I.

But this was no adventure in a cockle-shell of a ship. The Queen, looking lovely in a powder-blue tailored suit, was carried away from her native land in a modern airliner that would take her within a few, fleeting hours to Gander in Newfoundland and from there, after a short stop for re-fuelling, to a gaily-decorated capital city of Hamilton in Bermuda, which claims, after Britain, to have the oldest parliament in the world. And from Bermuda on to Jamaica.

London's farewell to the Queen and the Duke was a typical heart-warming tribute to the beloved royal couple. Despite the bitter cold of a bleak November night, huge crowds lined the streets of the capital as the royal car was driven from Buckingham Palace to the airport, escorted by 11 motor-cycle policemen.

And the cheers of the Londoners greeted the smiling couple as they passed through so many famous London landmarks out to the plant airport on the outskirts of the vast metropolis.

Waiting at the airport to bid farewell to the Queen and the Duke were the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and a host of well-wishers from all walks of life who crowded round the busy terminal.

A 50-mile-an-hour gale was reported to be blowing over the west coast of Scotland and the Irish Sea and Royal Navy and Canadian Navy ships, far out at sea, strung along the route of the royal plane, had been alerted. But, after two-and-a-half hours' flying, there was little danger for clearer weather was reported ahead.

The farewells were said as the giant plane turned on the tarmac its engines roaring. First a kiss for the Queen Mother and one for her sister. A handshake for the Prime Minister, visibly overcome with emotion. And another for Mr. Eden. The Duke, smiling and energetic, busied himself around

his wife, his blue greatcoat buttoned around him as the cold sent the breath rising in vapour from the crowd.

And then, the final farewell for Britain until May of next year. The Queen and the Duke, standing at the door of the great plane, turned and waved goodbye. The crowd broke into spontaneous cheering. A steward closed the door of the plane and, as the crowd watched eagerly, the machine taxied down the runway for the take-off. Within a few minutes it was coming down the runway, gathering speed as its engines roared. And then it lifted, circled the airport in a final farewell and was off towards the north and warmer climes ahead.—France-Press.

THANKS PARLIAMENT
London, Nov. 23.

Queen Elizabeth, before her departure today, thanked Parliament for wishing her a safe journey on her Commonwealth tour.

In a message in the House of Commons read by Mr. G. Studdholme, Vice-Chamberlain of the Royal Household, she said: "I thank you for your address on the occasion of my departure for my Commonwealth tour. My husband and I look forward to our journey with all the greater pleasure in the knowledge that the prayers and good wishes of my people in this country and the loyal affection of your House go with us."

The message was loudly cheered.

The Governor-General of Northern Ireland, Lord Wakehurst, today sent the following message to the Queen: "With my humble duty, and on behalf of the people of Northern Ireland, I send to your Majesty and to his Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, the heartfelt good wishes of us all for the Commonwealth tour that you are to undertake. We express the hope that your Majesty's visits may be successful and pray for your safe return."

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. Brodie, has sent the following message to the Queen: "On behalf of the Jewish Communities of the British Commonwealth, I beg to tender to your Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh loyal and heartfelt good wishes on your tour of the Commonwealth and fervent prayers for your safe return."

A CALYPSO
A calypso has been composed by Jamaican bandleader Hubert Smith in honour of the Queen's visit to Bermuda.

It goes like this: In early 1953 this event was predicted by our M.P. So we are making preparations for this festivity. To welcome our glorious Queen.

CHORUS:
Welcome, welcome to our Queen
Whom we have loved; but never seen
Welcome, welcome to our gracious Queen
Welcome to Bermuda.

Second verse:
The flags are flying, the boots are shined
The boys are marching along in time dear.

Third verse:
Now we all know this event will be
The dearest event in our history.

It will live forever in our memory.

As we sing God Save our Queen.
Hubert Smith is a native Bermudian who said: "We are rather reserved and do not show our feelings as a rule, but this time we are really excited."—China Mail Special.

INAUGURAL FLIGHT

Tokyo, Nov. 24.

The first trans-Pacific flight by a Japanese commercial aircraft began last night with the Japan Airlines City of Tokyo leaving Tokyo international airport on its test flight to San Francisco.

The DC-6 B, which took off at 8.30 p.m., is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 3 a.m. Japan time, tomorrow after stopovers in Wake and Honolulu.

Japan Airlines is scheduled to inaugurate a regular Tokyo-San Francisco service next February. The plane is piloted by R. G. Judd, Japan Airlines' American pilot. Fifty-seven officials and engineers of Japan Airlines and the Transportation Ministry are aboard the aircraft.—Reuter.

Sleepless For 21 Years!

Madrid, Nov. 23.

The case of a man who says he has not slept a wink for 21 years since his fiancée jilted him to marry another man was reported by the Madrid paper Informaciones tonight.

The man, Miguel Gonzalez Gomez, who is over 60, works in a Madrid hotel and says he spends his sleepless nights building castles in Spain. But some of his dreams now may come true as he won three big prizes in the National Lottery and bought a country house in his native province of Santander where he intends to retire.

"Then maybe I shall be able to sleep 20 hours at a stretch," he said.—France-Press.

Compensation Still Awaited

London, Nov. 23.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today that compensation for the death of British soldiers killed in Egypt was one of the matters still outstanding between Cairo and London.

Dealing with the request expressed by many families to have the bodies of these soldiers brought back to England, Mr. Eden said the Egyptian government had not expressly forbidden their return but for climatic reasons, the dead were usually buried within 24 hours after death in the Middle East.

Egyptian hygiene laws, he said, forbade the disinterment of these bodies for two years after burial.—France-Press.

Facing Serious Charges



Top picture shows Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and above Kenneth Edward Hume, both of whom last week were sent for trial at the Winchester Assizes on charges of committing serious offences with boy scouts at Beaulieu. Both pleaded not guilty before the magistrates and reserved their defence.—Daily Express photos.

Won't Go Hungry Assurance To Vyshinsky

New York, Nov. 23.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate to the United Nations, was assured today by Mr. Solwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, that he would not go hungry if he cared to visit Britain.

Referring to the speech by Mr. Vyshinsky before the General Assembly's Political Committee, Mr. Lloyd remarked that the Soviet delegate expressed his concern over the food supply in Britain.

"English cooking is not always supposed to be very good, but however that may be, we have a tradition for plenty of good food. We do not go hungry in the United Kingdom these days, and if he comes to visit us for a meeting of the disarmament sub-committee when established, I can assure him that he will find enough butter and sugar and some very good English roast beef," Mr. Lloyd said.

"I find Mr. Vyshinsky's remarks the more surprising because whispers have reached the outside world of the dissatisfaction in a certain country, so far as it is possible to assess it, with an economy concentrated on heavy industry. We have heard rumours that all is not well on the agricultural front."—Reuter.

MORE SCENES AT MOSSADEGH TRIAL

Teheran, Nov. 23.

Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh, former Premier, twice tried to walk out of his court martial here today because the chief prosecutor attacked his religious faith.

Court attendants and his own lawyer, Colonel, Borzorgmehr, held back the ex-Premier who shouted: "I will not stay in this place if this man keeps calling me an infidel."

After a long battle with the chief prosecutor, Brigadier Azemodeni, Dr. Mossadegh won a ruling from the court Chairman that the prosecutor must not call the ex-Premier an infidel.

Dr. Mossadegh is being tried on charges of trying to overthrow the constitution.

During the hearing on November 10, he also tried to walk out of the court and was halfway to the door before he was seized by Army officers.

ALLEGED CONVERT
Today's court scenes were the result of an allegation by the prosecutor that nearly 50 years ago Dr. Mossadegh became a Christian while he was a student in Switzerland.

Brigadier Azemodeni also declared that Dr. Mossadegh wrote a thesis which attacked the Moslem religion and said he had refused to have a copy of the Koran in his prison cell.

The attacks provoked an impassioned protest from the former Premier. "I am from a Moslem family. My mother was a Moslem. We have a religious ceremony in our house every Thursday night," he said.

He declared the prosecutor "wants to influence people to kill me" and was calling him an infidel at the instigation of some higher authority.

The court decided to sit only three hours a day, in the afternoon, instead of holding two three-hour sessions. This will double the length of the trial since Dr. Mossadegh has said he intends to present his defence in full using a 100-page brief as "only the basis" of it.

The court will sit on Tuesday, but not on Wednesday, which is a public holiday.—Reuter.

UN Action Invoked

United Nations, Nov. 23.

Israel today invoked United Nations action under the Palestine Armistice Agreement to force Jordan into direct talks on border problems in what the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, called "the most important moment in the history of Middle East security."—United Press.

British Journalist Arrested

Alexandria, Nov. 23.

Police here today on orders from Cairo arrested Mr. Tom Clarke, a British subject, who was formerly editor of the English-language newspaper, Egyptian Mail.

They said he had been arrested "for security reasons," but no specific charges were preferred against him.

The British Consul-General in Alexandria immediately protested to the Sub-governor of Alexandria and requested to see Mr. Clarke. The request was referred to Cairo.

This was the third arrest of a British subject in Egypt in the last three days. Mr. Clarke was at one time Alexandria correspondent of the United Press of America and now represents several foreign newspapers here.

Mr. Clarke has made Egypt his home.—Reuter.

Desperate Fight With Wild Boar

Singapore, Nov. 24.

A young rubber tapper from Tanjong Malim was the winner of a bizarre 30-minute life and death battle against an enraged wild boar who had attacked his pregnant wife.

News of the battle, in which a 26-year-old Indian rubber worker faced the razor sharp fangs of a charging boar, with only a knife to defend himself, reached Singapore on Monday. The battle occurred on Friday on the fringe of the jungle at Sungai Merbau estate.

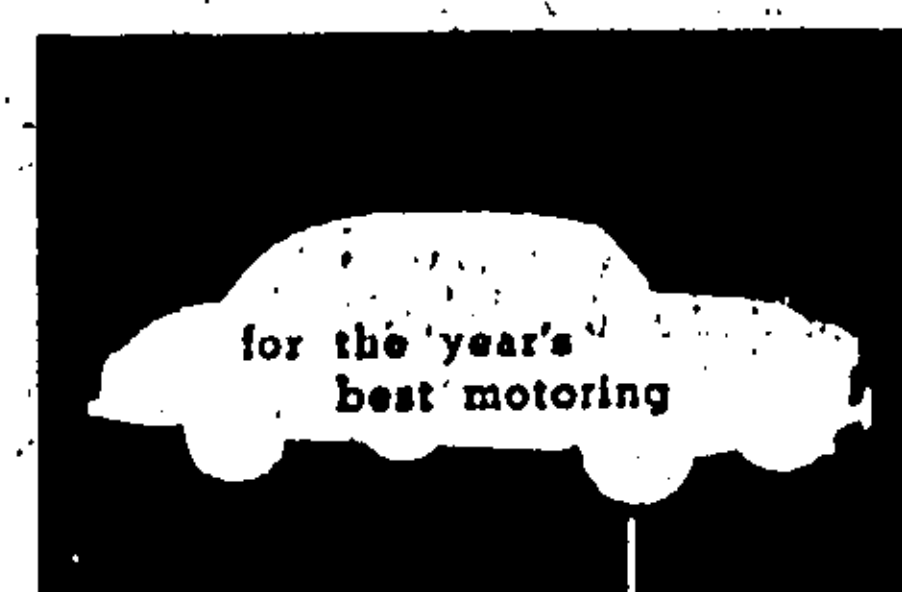
Karupiah, son of Vyapuri Kavandar and father of four children, looked up from his work to see a huge male boar charging his expectant wife who was resting in the shade of a tree on the edge of the clearing. Karupiah rushed to intercept the wild pig. The young tapper threw himself between his wife and the infuriated animal, slashing at him with his tapping knife.

Six times the sharp tusks of the boar gored the young tapper as his horrified wife looked on.

After 30 minutes, the boar was pressing the tapper against a tree as the young man fought off unconsciousness from loss of blood.

One final desperate swing of the knife and the attacking animal was dead.

Karupiah was sent to hospital with severe wounds on the right side of his body and one finger was amputated.—United Press.



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NEW DELAYING TACTICS

Mendes-France Urges Postponement Of Debate

Would Mean France At Bermuda Without A Mandate

Paris, Nov. 23.

The French Radical Deputy, M. Pierre Mendes-France, who was considered for the French premiership several months ago, tonight presented the text of a resolution to the National Assembly urging suspension of the debate on France's foreign policy.

The resolution, which will be introduced in the House tomorrow, asks for the adjournment of the debate until after January 26—shortly after the inauguration of a new President of the French Republic when a new Cabinet is formed.

The resolution asks for the step to be taken in order to "prevent certain conditions governing the Bermuda and Hague conferences and to place before those conferences certain French proposals," and to "present to Parliament, after a resumption of the sessions in January, along with the report on these two conferences, a coherent programme of national recovery."

In his resolution M. Mendes-France warned the Assembly against action that could be "a new cause of division among Frenchmen," and which would "weaken the nation and harm European integration itself."

The Radical Deputy outlined his conditions in the text of the resolution as follows: (1) the need for achieving the participation in the E.D.C. (European Defence Community) of all member countries on a basis of equality, on equality that was not attained when one of them assumed the prosecution of a war that took a large part of its forces and its resources outside Europe and which could not be replaced except by the end of the war in Indo-China; (2) the need, above all, after the conflict which had so strongly shaken the French Union, to safeguard the French African structure and unity, which could not be exposed to any attack on its cohesion or exposed to any threat of repatriation.

Finally, M. Mendes-France said in his resolution that it was essential to adopt for the new Europe being formed the closest co-operation between the Continent and Great Britain, "so that the influence of this great country may be exercised in a continuous way on the European community."

The Mendes-France resolution is the tenth so far presented to the National Assembly during the present debate which began last Tuesday.

It was expected that the Mendes-France resolution would bring strong opposition from the government and, if it was passed, it would mean that French Ministers would go to Bermuda and The Hague only as observers, possessing no mandate to act for France. — France-Press.

Bid For U.S. Financial Aid

Washington, Nov. 23.

Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Minister for Economics in the Federal Republic of Germany, today began a series of conferences with United States officials on trade and financial problems. The Minister, who arrived in Washington last night from New York, conferred in the State Department this morning with Mr. Robert Murphy, acting Deputy Secretary of State, and Mr. Livingston Merchant, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs.

He was accompanied to Washington by Professor Alfred Muller-Armack, Section Chief of the Economics Ministry, and Professor Wilhelm Roepke, a leading economist who is also a professor in Zurich University. Officials here said the Washington talks would cover such questions as expanded trade, prospects of monetary convertibility and aspects of the European economic situation.

Dr. Erhard was also expected to discuss the possibilities of greater United States private investment in the German Republic during his three-day stay in Washington. — Reuter.

Israel's Likely New Premier

Tel Aviv, Nov. 23.

The evening paper, Hadar, associated with the Socialist Mapai Party, said tonight that the Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, would succeed the retiring Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion.

The paper also expressed belief that Pinchas Lavon, Minister without Portfolio in the present Israeli Cabinet, would be nominated Minister of Defence in the next Cabinet. Negotiations are under way with the Zionist Party to reach an agreement on the formation of the new Government. It is understood that a list of new Cabinet members will be submitted to Parliament shortly after Mr. Ben-Gurion's formal resignation, expected in a fortnight. — France-Press.

Top Secret Leakage

London, Nov. 23.

Mr. Dods, Labour M.P. from Darford, today asked the Minister of Supply, Mr. Duncan Sandys, for a statement on the circumstances in which top secret information concerning the Avro Vulcan bomber, the release of which in Britain was forbidden under the Official Secrets Act, had been revealed in a U.S. magazine.

He said details of the information had been supplied to him. In a written reply, Mr. Sandys said that the writer of the article in question claimed that the particulars he had given were deductions from previously published information. He added that it would be contrary to the public interest to comment on the accuracy or otherwise of the writer's statements. — France-Press.



The British Government has just announced the formation of Britain's new Atomic Energy Corporation which has been set up under the Chairmanship of Sir Edwin Plowden who schemes economic recovery under both Labour and Conservative Governments. His job will be to control the conflicting interests of Sir William Penney, the weapons expert, Sir Christopher Hinton, the engineer, and Sir John Cockcroft, chief of the Harwell Atomic Station. His Political Chief will be Lord Salisbury, Lord President of the Council. The Corporation will take the whole atom project out of the hands of the Civil Service and will let industry have a bigger share in development. The Atomic Energy Corporation Leaders—top left to right: Sir Edwin Plowden and Lord Salisbury; with bottom left to right: Sir John Cockcroft and Sir William Penney. — (Express Photo).

Softer Tones Used In Japanese-Korean "Peace" Talks

New York, Nov. 23.

In the present world alignment it would seem that good political and economic relations between Japan and South Korea are an absolute necessity. Strong forces, however, operate to make the gap between them almost as wide as that between South Korea's President Syngman Rhee and Communism.

At present the two nations are locked in a dispute over fishing rights off the South Korean coast.

In the scramble for food the fishing industries are vital to both but the argument itself is only an out-cropping of ill-feeling that goes back to the 40 years of Japanese occupation of Korea.

A host of other problems has included Japanese claims on former property in both North and South Korea and the Koreans' counter-claim of reparations for losses suffered during the period of Japanese rule.

General Mark Clark invited Syngman Rhee to Tokyo a year ago in a major effort to bring the two sides together. Rhee and the Japanese got together but parted on terms that were no friendlier than they had been before.

The fisheries dispute arises primarily from Rhee's one-sided claim that Korean territorial waters extend 60 miles off shore. The Japanese reply, which seems to be the correct one, is that any such claim is contrary to international practice and, therefore, cannot be made to adhere.

Consequently, Japanese fishing vessels regularly have been going inside the 60-mile limit and Rhee's gunboats just as regularly have been seizing them and imprisoning the crews.

SOFTENING ATTITUDE
A recent softening of Rhee's attitude in which he released 81 arrested fishermen and

promised that 415 more would be released tomorrow has been attributed in speculation to United States good offices, possibly as a result of Vice-President Richard Nixon's visit to Seoul.

The Japanese, anxious to establish working relations with the Koreans, also are reported to have softened their attitude, easing or abandoning their claims to former Japanese properties and possibly even going so far as to recognize the 60-mile off-shore limit.

Even these concessions, however, may not satisfy Rhee, a man with a long memory. Rhee fought the Japanese through most of his adult life and finds it difficult to change now.

RIHEE'S FROWNS

During the fighting phase of the Korean war, Rhee said that the Japanese forces should be brought in on the United Nations side his South Korean forces immediately would turn their backs on the Reds and fight the Japanese. Instead, he has threatened to fire on any vessel attempting to interfere with his seizure of the Japanese fishing boats. He has frowned on the presence of a Japanese diplomatic mission in Seoul.

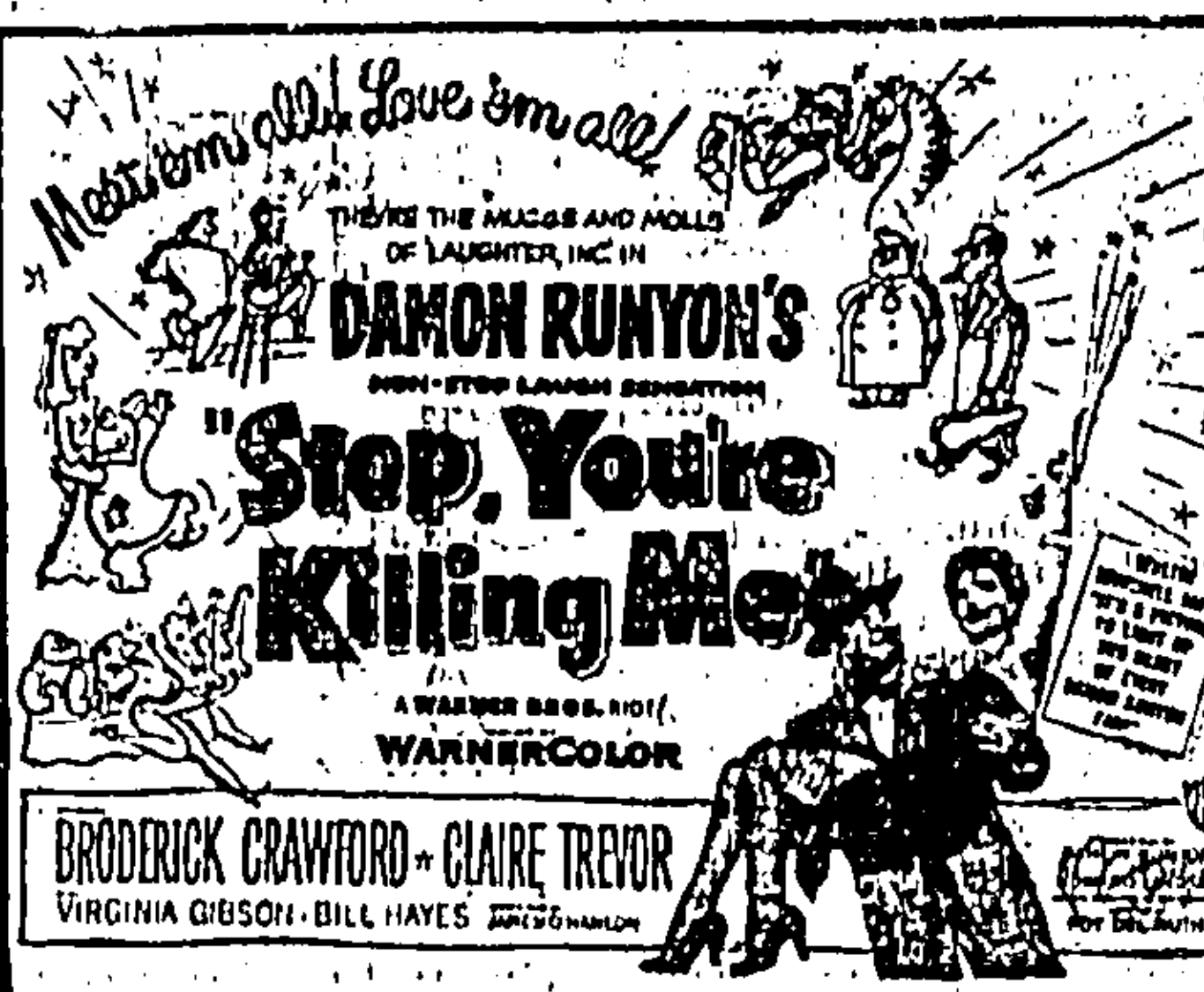
Yet normally the South Koreans can export rice which the Japanese need. The Japanese gave technical know-how which South Korean industry needs. Trade with the Reds is cut off for both. It seems likely that the United States soon will step up its efforts to bring the two together. — United Press.

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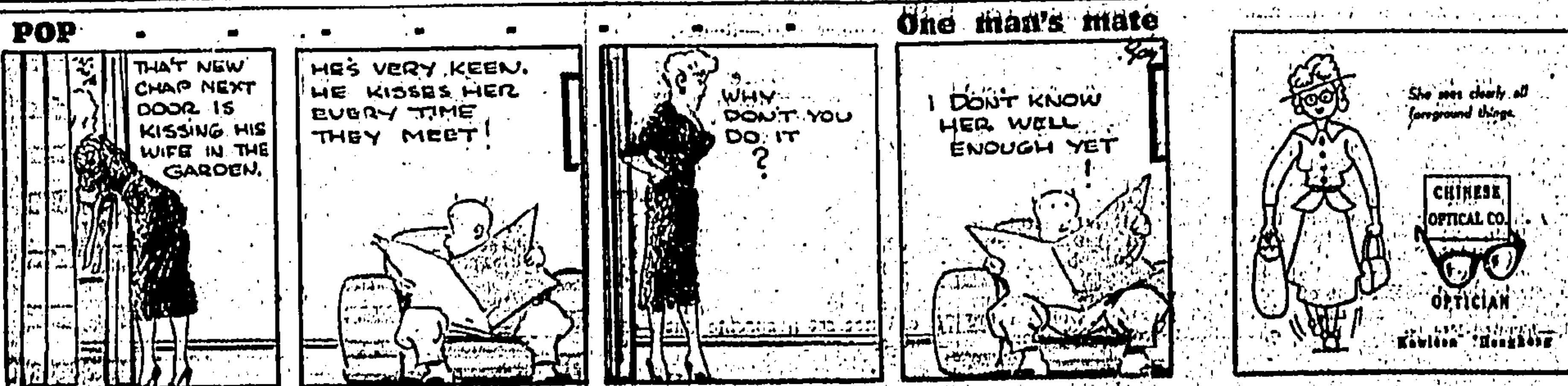


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In this New Elizabethan Age the Queen of England sails the seas in person and those who go with her must surely be properly dressed.

Top hats are not something you go into a shop and just buy. At least Wicksteed's top hat isn't. It is a proper construction job like Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Comet.

I had mine built on the slipways of a little ship in St. James's where top hats are treated with the reverence of haloes. There is such an air of tradition and antiquity about the place I should not be surprised to learn that Julius Caesar had his laurel wreaths made there.

It took courage to go in the first time. For one thing I was

not wearing a hat of any kind, and for another I wondered if I ought to have a haircut first.

But after pacing up and down I pulled myself together and marched in.

"I want a grey top hat to take to Australia with the Queen," I said. Just like that, without any hesitation at all.

"Yes, sir," said the hatter. "Have we made a hard hat for you before?"

I had to confess that they hadn't, that I was an absolute top hat tyro.

"Ah well," he said, "everybody has to start some time. But it is a good thing you do not want a black silk hat. We have such a long waiting list for those."

"But a grey top hat for the royal tour? Yes, I think we could build one in time."

In top-hat shops they do not put one on your head and say, "How's that for size?" They measure you with a machine

that looks like a mechanical brain.

When it is in place the hatter presses a handle and out comes a ground plan or blueprint of your head. With this to work on the hatter lays the keel.

Days go by and then you go in to have the hat fitted or launched. There was a bit of side play about mine. It was all right fore and aft, but in a high sea it rolled.

The hatter took it away to the workshop and fitting-out basin and gave it a rebore of whatever you do to a top hat that rolls.

Now it has been launched, paid for (£20), and christened with my initials in silk. My morale is so high when I wear it that I've had it on all day at the office.

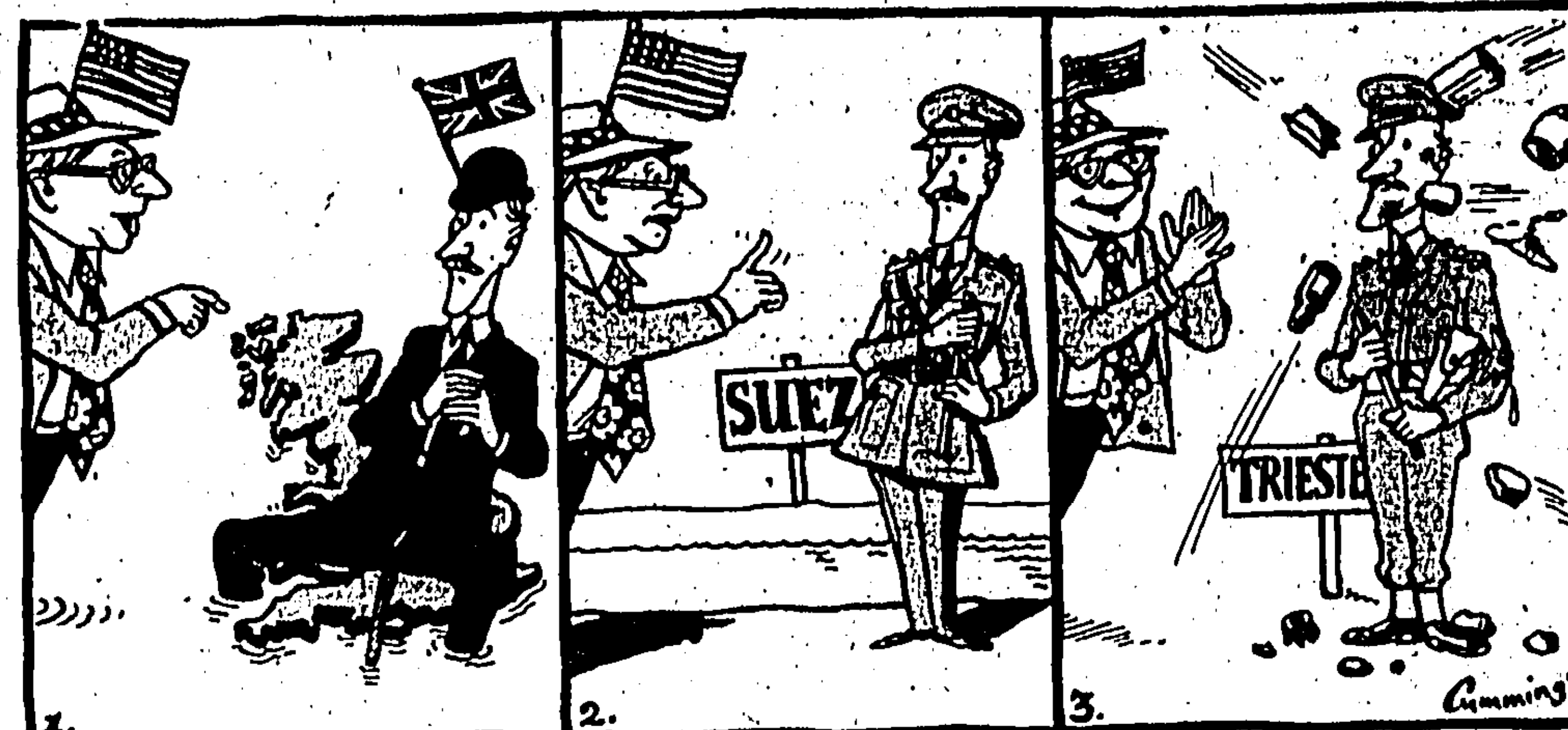
Between now and next May when we return to the shores of England I think Wicksteed is going to have some fun with that hat. He will also have many anxieties, with sabotage and theft as the main dangers.

I also fear for its safety in the Press tents of Australia, where jealous colleagues, maddened by envy, may jump on it, maim it, or tear it from my limb. Should it survive I shall put it in a glass case with an inscription saying: "This top hat circumnavigated the world with the Queen of England, 1953-1954. It was jeered at by Jamaicans, barracked by Bermudians, and feared by the Filijans."

Yes, we are going to have some fun with that hat. If we don't I'll eat it.

P.S. When I got home and put on my top hat, my son, aged six, said: "Why, daddy, you look just like a coachman."

(London Express Service)



"Say—Britain's too small for you—why don't you get out and go some place else?" "Say—you can't stay there. Imperialism's outmoded in this Era of Democracy." "Say—stay right there; you're doing fine!"

London Express Service

"TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY" Chapter Nine

WITH ALEXANDER ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

By Sir Winston Churchill

Field-Marshal Alexander's summer offensive in Italy was to start on August 26, 1944. On the preceding afternoon the Prime Minister flew to the battle headquarters of Gen. Leese, commanding the Eighth Army.

here by the breaking in full career of these two great armies, the Fifth and the Eighth, and by the milking of the key personnel in them.

The consequence of this has been the withdrawal from the Italian front of three German divisions, including one very strong Panzer having an active strength of 12,500. These have proceeded direct to the Chalcid area. Thus about five divisions have been deployed against Eisenhower, which would not have happened had we continued our advance here in the direction of the Po and ultimately on the great city [Vienna].

Alexander and I started together at about nine o'clock. His aide-de-camp and Tommy [Cmndr. Thompson, the author's personal assistant] came in a second car. We were thus a conveniently small party. The advance had now been in progress for six hours, and was said to be making headway. But no definite impressions could yet be formed. We first climbed by motor up a high outstanding rock pinnacle, upon the top of which a church and village were perched.

THE inhabitants, men and women, came out to greet us from the cellars in which they had been sheltering. It was at once plain that the place had just been bombarded. Machinery and wreckage littered the single street. "When did this stop?" Alexander asked the small crowd who gathered round us, winning wryly. "About a quarter of an hour ago," they said.

There was certainly a magnificent view from the ramparts of bygone centuries. The whole front of the Eighth Army offensive was visible. But apart from the smoke puffs of shells bursting 7,000 or 8,000 yards away in a scattered fashion there was nothing to see. Presently Alexander said that we had better not stay longer, as the enemy would naturally be firing at observation posts like this and might begin again. So we motored two or three miles to the westward, and had a picnic lunch on the broad slope of a hillside, which gave almost as good a view as the peak and was not likely to attract attention.

News was now received that our two had pushed on a mile or two beyond the river Metauro. Here Hasdrubal's defeat had sealed the fate of Carthage, so off in his plane and flew north-eastwards for half an hour to Loreto, whence we drove to Leese's camp behind Monte Magliore.

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loose fighting was in progress. In a few minutes the aide-de-camp came back and brought me to his chief, who had found a very good place in the stone building, which was in fact an old chateau overlooking a rather sharp declivity.

Here one certainly could see all that was possible. The Germans were firing with rifles and machineguns from thick scrub on the further side of the valley. Our front line was beneath us. The firing was desultory and intermittent. But this was the nearest I got to the enemy and the time I heard most bullets in the Second World War.

THE next morning plenty of work arrived both by telegram and pouch. It appeared that Gen. Eisenhower was worried by the approach of the German divisions I had mentioned to Smuts as having been withdrawn from Italy. I was glad that our offensive, prepared under depressing conditions, had begun. I drafted a telegram to the President, explaining the position as I had learned it from the generals on the spot and from my own knowledge.

I wished—to convey in an uncontroversial form our sense of frustration, and at the same time to indicate my hopes and ideas for the future. The President could revive the interest in this sphere we might still keep alive our design of an ultimate advance to Vienna. Prime Minister to President Roosevelt 28 Aug. 44

Field-Marshal Alexander received a telegram from S.H.A. E.F. asking for efforts to be made to prevent the withdrawal of more [German] divisions from the Italian front. This of course, was the consequence of the great weakening of our armies in Italy, and has taken place entirely since the attack on the Riviera. In all, four divisions have left, including a very strong Panzer en route for Chalcid.

However, in spite of the weakening process Alexander began about three weeks ago to plan with Clark to turn on the Apennines. For this purpose the British XIIIth Corps of four divisions has been placed under Gen. Clark's orders, and we have been able to supply him with the necessary artillery, of which his army had been deprived. This army of eight divisions—four American and four British—is now grouped around Florence on a northerly axis.

By skinning the whole front and holding long stretches with nothing but anti-aircraft guns converted to a kind of artillery-infantry and supported by a few armoured brigades, Alexander has also been able to concentrate ten British or British-controlled divisions representative of the whole British Empire on the Adriatic flank.

The leading elements of these attacked before midnight on the 25th, and a general barrage opened and the advance began at dawn on the 26th. An advance of about nine miles was made over a large area, but the main position, the Gothic Line, has still to be encountered. I had the good fortune to go forward with this advance, and was consequently able to form a much clearer impression of the modern battlefield than is possible from the

yond the 92nd Division, which I understand will shortly reach us. On the other hand, I take it for granted that no more will be withdrawn from Italy.

As to the future, continuous employment against the enemy will have to be found for the Eighth and Fifth Armies, once the German armies in Italy have been destroyed or unluckily have made their escape. This employment can only take the form of a movement first to Istria and Trieste and ultimately upon Vienna.

I congratulate you upon the brilliant success of the landings in Southern France. I earnestly hope the retreating Germans may be nipped at Valence or Lyons and rounded up. Another mob of about 90,000 is apparently streaming back from the South via Poitiers.

ROOSEVELT sent me another telegram on Sept. 1. I share your confidence that the Allied divisions we have in Italy are sufficient to do the task before them and that the battle commander will press the battle unrelentingly with the objective of shattering the enemy forces. After breaking the German forces on the Gothic Line we must go on to use our divisions in the way which best aids Gen. Eisenhower's decisive drive into the enemy homeland.

As to the exact employment of our forces in Italy in the future this is a matter we can discuss at Quebec. It seems to me that American forces should be used to the westward, but I am completely open-minded on this, and in any event this depends on the progress of the present battle in Italy, and also in France, where I strongly feel that we must not stint in any way the forces needed to break quickly through the western defences of Germany.

The credit for the great Allied success in Southern France must go impartially to the combined Allied force, and the perfection of execution of the operation from its beginning to the present belongs to Gen. Wilson and his Allied staff and to Patch and his subordinate commanders. With the present chaotic conditions of the Germans in Southern France, I hope that a junction of the north and south forces may be obtained at a much earlier date than was first anticipated.

WE shall see that both these hopes proved vain. The army which we had landed on the Riviera at such painful cost to our operations in Italy arrived too late to help Eisenhower's first main struggle in the north, while Alexander's offensive failed, by the barest of margins, to achieve the success it deserved and we so badly needed. Italy was not to be wholly free for another eight months; the right-handed drive to Vienna was denied to us; and, except in Greece, our military power to influence the liberation of South-Eastern Europe was gone.

(Continued Tomorrow)

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Tame The Little Thugs

PAT ROLLER CONCLUDES THE SERIES "THE LID OFF LONDON'S GANGS"

A HANDFUL of girls are walking down a street in South-East London. They are dressed in jazzy clothes, nylons, high-heeled shoes. Their mouths are smeared with lipstick. They're on their way to school.

Rubbish? Impossible? I'm deadly serious. And deadly serious about some boys, too, who play cards, smoke, swear at school. They are quite beyond the control of their teachers.

The little mesdames, of course, are the molls of tomorrow, if we don't watch out. The boys are the prospective gangsters.

A juvenile expert said to me:

"The trouble lies mainly at school. Not all schools, of course. But some. There's

not enough character training, too much reading, writing, and arithmetic, and not enough respect. Not enough discipline."

After school, they go to bomb sites, discuss plans, maybe raid a few shops. There have been more gangs bred on bomb sites than anywhere else in London. And more loot has been hidden on bomb sites than in any other cache in the country.

Road To Crime

Children scramble all over the place. Then they find that by climbing a certain part it will bring them within reach of a warehouse and a window. Hundreds of youngsters have started off on the road to crime that way in London.

Most of them have mothers who have to go out and work.

The mothers, of course, say that they have no alternative to work. They blame the schools. The schools refuse to take the responsibility. They blame the home life of the youngster.

Somewhere between these two points of view the truth possibly lies.

It certainly doesn't warrant the complacency you find in too many places in London. The crime-has-always-been-with-us people don't seem to realise, for instance, that a boy who broke from a gang in North London had his home set on fire (it was discovered in time to put out); that boys steal money from home and dare their parents to prosecute; that one, being sentenced, tried to attack the magistrate who was on the bench, and from his lips poured a perfect torrent of abuse.

The handicapped police are doing a tremendous amount of good work. They run a club, for instance, in the city which boys who have been in trouble must attend for three hours a week.

In Croydon, there is a police-run club for convicted boys. They learn swimming, boxing, football, cricket. They get gym and body training. The cops themselves do all this in their spare time.

It is a tremendous plan and achievement, and their percentage of boys who wander away and get into trouble again is "infinitely small."

This sort of club points the way to fighting crime, run by people with strong personalities. I met a man who runs a pub around Clerkenwell Road. He is the type of personality I mean.

He is a small Irishman with the blarney. The King's Cross boys used to come around the pub. It was rough, tough, and bawdy. He talked them out of coming around any more. He didn't throw them out, because he isn't physically capable of doing that.

A Miracle

He just talked to them persuasively, softly, firmly. He put his hand up when any trouble started. One by one the boys started to drift away from the pub.

A man who watched all this happen said to me: "It had to be seen to be believed. They still call it a miracle. These toughs just became the meekest of lambs when told to shut up. And finally they went away and didn't come back. It shows you what can happen when you have guts and a personality. They respected a human being for the first time in their lives."

The thugs must be tamed in the way the wee Irishman tamed them. The boys must be corrected. That is the lesson from London.

I EXPECTED Alexander to return, but he did not, and after about 20 minutes Devers took his leave. There was of course no public business to be done, I wished him all good luck, his operation, and his courtesy call came to an end. I was conscious, however, of the tension between these high officers beneath an impeccable surface of politeness.

Presently Alexander came to tell me that we should now drive to the airfield. We took off in his plane and flew north-eastwards for half an hour to Loreto, whence we drove to Leese's camp behind Monte Magliore.

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HAVING got an officer guide engaged, we pushed on through these glades till the sounds of rifle and machine-gun fire showed we were getting near to the front line. Presently warning hands brought us to a standstill. It appeared there was a minefield, and it was only safe to go where other vehicles had already gone without mishap. Alexander and his aide-de-camp now went off to reconnoitre towards a grey stone building which our troops were holding, which was said to give a good close-up view. It was evident to me that only very



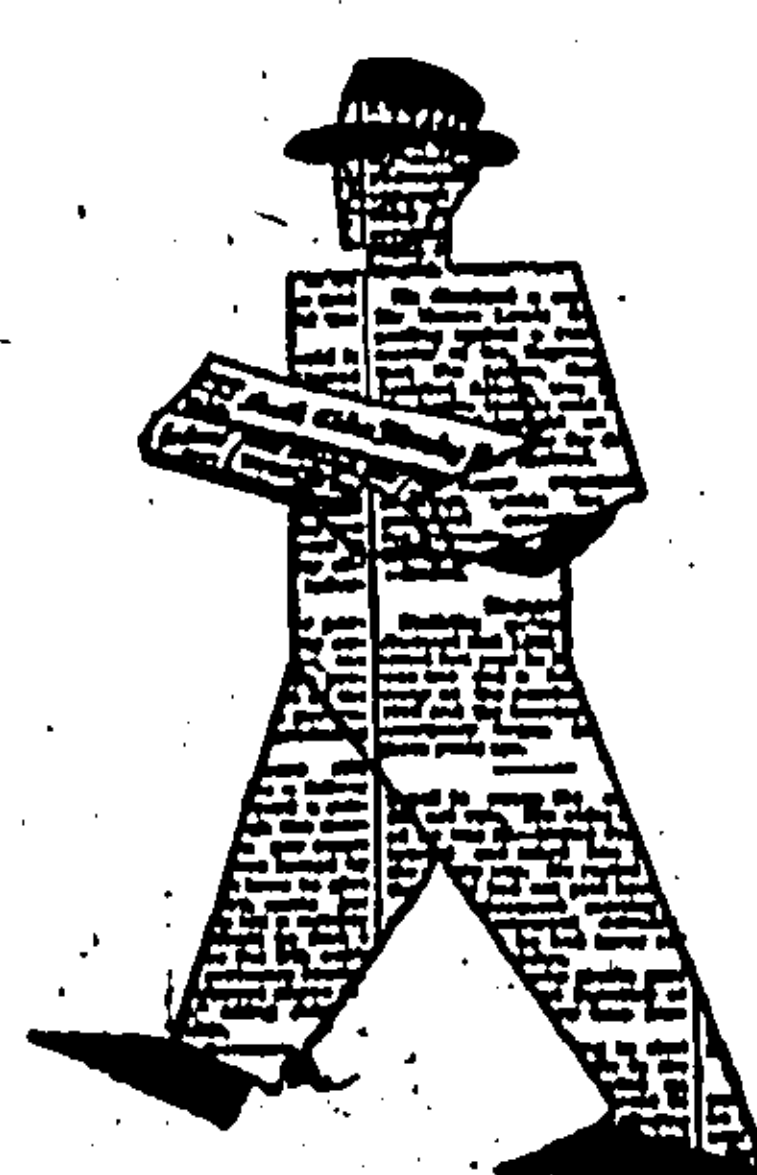
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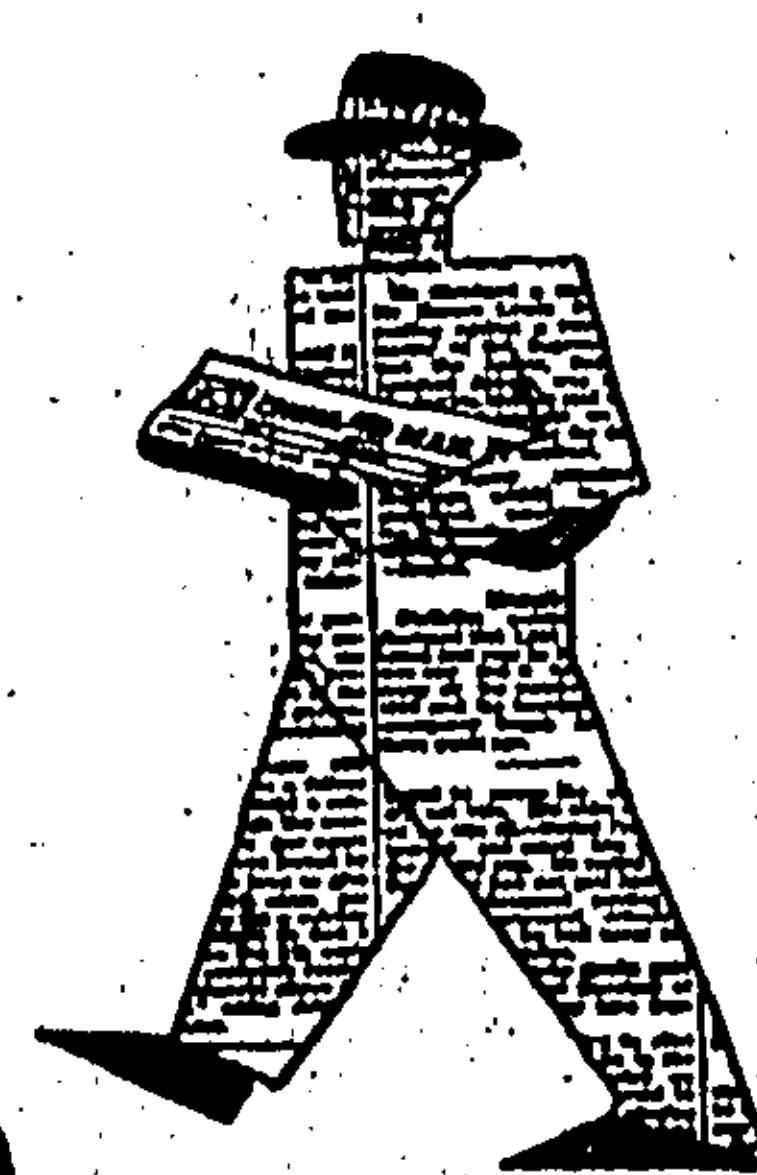
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NORMAN REYNOLDS WINS MOTOR CYCLE GYMKHANA ON ROYAL ENFIELD

The winner of the Motor Sports Club's Motor Cycle Gymkhana, held last Sunday morning on the old Japanese Golf Course at Shatin, was Norman Reynolds, riding a 350 c.c. Royal Enfield "Bullet," with 39 points to his credit.

Second was H. E. "Quito" Hyndman, 34 points, on a 350 c.c. Douglas "Eighty-Plus," and Dave Bottomley, 500 c.c. BSA. "Twin," came third with 20 points.

Most events were run off in heats of two or three contestants at a time, followed by a final. Final placings in the meeting were decided on an overall points basis.

About 12 motor cyclists came to the starting line for the first of the five events. This was a "Wiggle-Woggle" Test" for which five stakes were set up in line at regular intervals on a course about 20 yards long. Competitors were required to negotiate their way on alternate sides of the stakes to the end of the course and return in similar fashion to the start. The manoeuvre was carried out against the stop-watch, and points were lost for touching any stake. Best performance here was put up by Dave Bottomley when, in the final, Norman Reynolds stalled on the line and Geoff Arnold (Ariel 1000) slid at the half-way turning point.

The "Slow Race" which followed was full of surprises, but the performance of Triumphant mounted 2 L. Costa in the heats marked him as the likely winner from the moment he came to the starting line in the final. In this event competitors were required to negotiate a narrow 20-yard corridor without touching the marker-tapes or setting foot to ground. The longest time for the course netted most points.

"RIDING THE LINE"

"Riding-the-line" was the title adopted for the third event, in which contestants had to ride between two tapes, set on the ground about nine inches apart, to the end of the course and return between the tapes to the starting line. Norman Reynolds, who had frequently reached final in previous events without obtaining an ultimate win, finally managed to carry the laurels in this event.

DESMOND HACKETT, THE SOCCER SPY, VISITS BUDAPEST

London, Nov. 13. Chuckling lightheartedly, well almost lightheartedly, about such careless talk as iron curtains, salt mining and the like, this crisp cold morning should find me airborne. The man says, "Report air terminal 6.20 a.m."

The destination is Budapest for the Hungary v. Sweden match on Sunday (November 15).

This is Hackett the Soccer Spy grimly determined to find the good reasons why Hungary are Olympic Football champions and why they are unbeaten for the last two years.

There will also be Hackett the England football fan, anxiously hoping to find some possible reason why Hungary should not wipe the Wembley floor with England on November 25.

The Hungarian methods, I am assured, are no closely guarded secrets. The rough schedule is "rigorous training, all-round physical and intellectual activity, and constant medical control."

JOLLY DAY

Coach Jeno Kalmar, who trained the 1952 Olympic winners, reckons that this is just the thing to make up a jolly day of training.

MORNING: Cross-country racing and forest tours.

AFTERNOON: Team games to improve ball technique, team work and polishing the style.

EVENING: Tactile discussions. "Drugs, drugs," which is well-known to one and all if they happen to be Hungarians, means "dear, dear—oh dear, dear."—Just think of the sulks if some of our pampered players were asked to nip back smartly for an afternoon spell of training.

They would be up to the manager's office with more speed than they ever revealed on the playing field.

At Southport, where the England team relaxed before putting on its sleazebag show against Ireland, a light-hearted let-have-lots-of-fun kick-about and pleasant strolls seemed to complete the pre-match plan.

No forest tours, no cross-country, no tactic talks. Only yesterday afternoon I was calmly told that there was no plan of campaign laid down for England teams.

CANT CHANGE

The voice of the Football Association declared: "The players can't change their normal style for one game. They try to get the measure of each other's play as they go along."

Bluntly, England are the playless players, they make it up as they go along.

Please do not come the old gag that after all, old chap, this is only a game of football. If you saw, as I have seen, the fanatical crowds of South America, the Continental hordes with their frightening, regimented chants, their pleading and threats, the glory of victory and the deep sorrow of defeat, you would at last realise that this is a matter of national prestige.

NO MATCH

London, Nov. 17. There is no place in the world for a spot of pondering that can match up with this night train from Budapest to Vienna. You have no other choice but to ponder when the People's Party placed you in a compartment with seats on one side only and insufficient room to stretch your legs... a compartment about as private as Blackpool promenade on August Bank Holiday.

The People's Party was using me a favour in getting me on this train at all, I wish that favour had passed me by.

Before the asthmatic monster of a train had recovered from its first coughing bout of energy and moved slowly off into the Siberian-cold night, visitors started to look in.

That was only 24 hours earlier, it seems more like 24 days. First there was the collector asking to see the "course-paper ticket." That was easy.

Next, a heavily-armed Russian queued to third degree my passport.

I told one guard I had been to the football match at Budapest. He grinned and asked, "Football?" His stern-faced partner frowned; the smile disappeared, and the pair marched off.

Then we were constantly nudged from 9.30 at night until a miserably distant 6 a.m. when we pulled into Vienna.

Every time it was a new uniform—there was green, grey, brown, and navy—and once, around 3 a.m. on that sleepless morning, we had the incredible sight of a fat civilian in Tyrolean outfit returning a passport which had disappeared several stations back.

LIKE A GAME

He looked improperly dressed without a revolver or a Tommy gun.

Money check—Customs—frontier guards—passports again—money check. It seemed like some evilly inspired game to keep me from falling into the sleep that hung so tiredly on my eyes.

So I pondered endlessly on selectors, internationals, soccer team and the like.

I pondered over George Raynor, Sweden's national team coach, a little wisp of a Yorkshireman who had never had a coaching lesson in his life; whose only language was the broad Yorkshire dialect.

Yet he has built Sweden into a team that in their last two matches have held Spain and then Hungary to drawn games.

Coach Raynor is building a new generation of footballers for Sweden with a plan that takes in the boys from 12 to 15 years.

MEDALS SCHEME

It is a training scheme which rewards the student with bronze, silver, and gold medals.

The schedule covers 15 items which give the boys most of the

London, Nov. 13.

things that go to make up a complete footballer.

After elementary lessons there is an advanced night school to cover the weeks when the game is snowed off. Hamrin, a 19-year-old outside right, has already graduated from night school to international honours.

England must bring back men like Raynor, and pump youthful, active ideas into football.

The Football Association also needs more men like the Hungarian FA President, 43-year-old Zsador Barcs, who knows what the game is all about because he plays every week in the tough Third Division.

HE SHOWS THEM

Men like Gustav Sabet, Minister of Sport and Hungary's one-man selection committee. He does not tell his players—he shows them. At 50 he still puts on his old track suit and sergeant-major's training.

These things are still possible in this pleasant land of England. The Football Association has money to spare to put on a high-pressure programme for youth training.

The present system is earnest, but it is not good enough; nor is it big enough.

Surely somewhere in these football isles there are young, vigorous men prepared to take over the burden which our respected elder statesmen of Soccer have carried so loyally and so long.

Let us have these revisions before our Soccer, which is losing the old master strokes, becomes completely run down.

(London Express Service)

One Soccer Man Is Worth 5 Cricketers SO INSURANCE POLICIES SAY

By BRUCE HARRIS

If, by an unlikely and deplorable calamity, Len Hutton, cricket captain of England, were to crash during his coming air trip to the West Indies, what would his life be worth in £ s. d.?

Not so much, by a long way, as that of Billy Wright, captain of England at soccer football; if we compare the official insurances of the two.

Here are two sets of policies, as revealed to me by MCC and the Football Association.

Cricketers.—For each player on the West Indies trip, a life policy of £500 for travel risks, plus another policy of £3,000 for accidental death or serious permanent injury, whether the result of travel or cricket risks, or any other form of accident. In addition, £30 a week for not more than 52 weeks, payable (through the county club) for inability to play after arrival home.

Footballers (for their South American World Cup journey of 1950).—A policy of £20,000 for each man—£15,000 for his club and £5,000 for his next-of-kin. These sums would have been payable for death or permanent injury.

Now why should Len Hutton, Godfrey Evans, Denis Compton, and Trevor Bailey be worth 30 times as much as Billy Wright, Alf Ramsey, Ted Ditchburn and Roy Bentley?

First, obviously, because a football club has a strong proprietary interest in its £20,000 worth of players. Three times as much goes to the club, in fact, as to a man's wife. Is this right? I leave it to any reader's judgment.

Secondly, almost equally obviously, the risks of cricket are far less than those of football. Seldom, indeed, does a cricketer do himself permanent damage.

Let me return to the original question: Is Len Hutton worth less than Billy Wright in the ratio £3,500 to £20,000? Well, I am a cricketer.

(London Express Service)

"PLAY BALL" APPEAL TO 22 POWs

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 23.

The 22 American prisoners in Korea who have refused to be repatriated had an alluring offer today from the Director of the Cleveland Indians—baseball team—Mr. Myron Wilson.

"Come back to the United States and I guarantee you a job at your favourite sport, baseball," Mr. Wilson has written personal letters to this effect to each of the 22 prisoners.

France-Press.

Russians To Attend Boxing Congress

Moscow, Nov. 23.

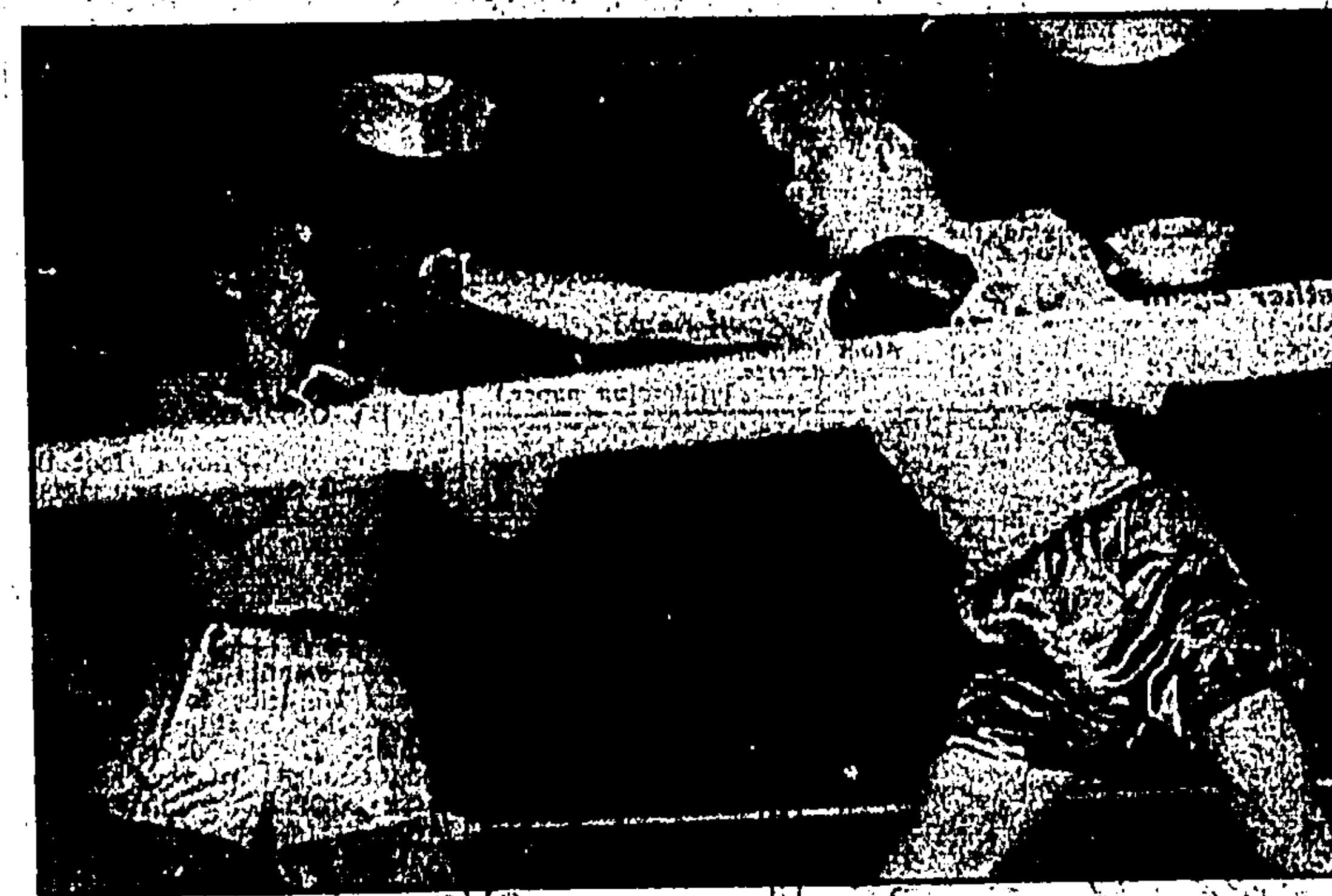
A Soviet delegation will attend the Congress of the International Federation of Amateur Boxing to be held in Paris shortly. It was announced here today that the delegation will be composed of M. Dmitry Smolin, M. Alexei Katoulinsky, and M. Alexander Nolle, who will act as interpreter.

France-Press.

CARRUTHERS v. GAULT



Jimmy Carruthers comes in under a straight left from "Pappy" Gault, and connects with a left uppercut in the course of their World Bantamweight Championship title fight at the Sydney Sports Ground on November 13.



Carruthers connects with a straight right and prepares to throw a left.



Carruthers declared the winner on points. His eye was bandaged whilst the judges conferred on the decision.—Australian Photographic Agency Pictures.

BAM Official Says

Peng-soon "Expelled Himself"

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 24. Wong Peng-soon, world unofficial Badminton Champion, who is currently on an unauthorised tour of Formosa, has "expelled himself" from Malaysian badminton; it was declared yesterday by a top badminton official.

The Malaysian Badminton Association President, Mr. Heng Joo-seng, said the Association would not take punitive action against Wong because "he has already punished himself and has expelled himself from future competition in Malaysia."

The President added, "Of course Peng-soon is at liberty to leave the fold. But why should he as the world's unofficial Champion, quit this?"

"Amateurism is an art of rendering service for no payment," continued Mr. Heng. "At the same time, it means having to comply with all sorts of rules and regulations. Perhaps this is too high a price to pay for Peng-soon."

The Badminton Association will take up Wong's case for discussion next week-end when it meets in Ipoh, it was learnt reliably.

Association Standing Committee members yesterday generally agreed that, by withdrawing from the BAM, Wong had "outlawed" himself from future Malaysian and Singapore tournaments.—United Press.

CAPACITY CROWD

Taipei, Nov. 23. A capacity crowd of 8,000 spectators jammed the Armed Forces Stadium here last night to see the Malaysian unofficial badminton champion of the world, Wong Peng-soon, in action.

Wong, displaying something of the form which gained him the world title three times, beat F. L. Cheng, runner-up in the world championship, by 15-12 and 15-11.

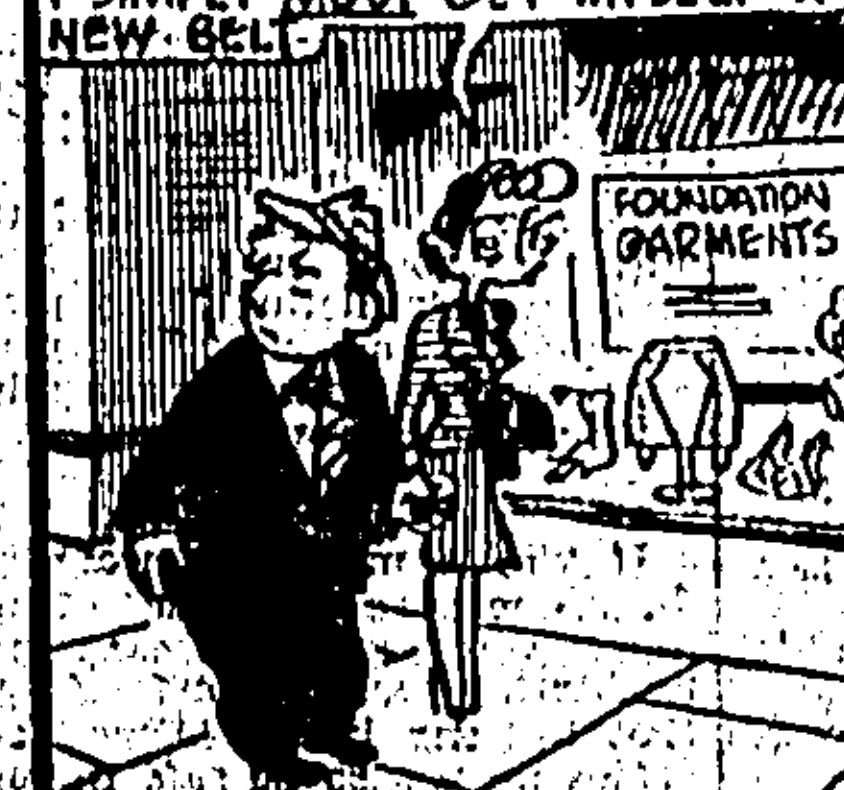
In another exhibition match, Hongkong beat Taipei in a doubles game by 15-12 and 15-9.—Reuter.

FA CUP REPLAY

London, Nov. 23. Millwall defeated Colchester United 4-0 in the FA Cup first round replay today.

THE GAMBOLS

By BARRY APPLEBY



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Factual Report On Breakdown Of Pow Repat System

New York, Nov. 23.

The Indian Chairman of the Korean Prisoner Repatriation Group soon will submit to both sides in Korea a factual report on the group's squabble, informed sources said today.

General K. S. Thimayya is expected to give a full account of the breakdown of the system for interviewing anti-Communist POWs on whether they wish to go home.

He also is expected to explain the problem Indian troops will face if no Korean peace conference has been held by January 22, the date envisaged in the armistice agreement for the Indian custodial forces to release POWs who had not returned to their homeland.

The report is expected to be addressed to the Communist and United Nations military commands.

General Thimayya is not expected to make any recommendations.

Rather, his report will serve as a basis on which either side or the Indian delegation here or even the UN Secretary-General might decide to initiate new action on the controversial prisoner question.

It is known that the Indian delegate, Mr. Y. K. Krishna Menon, is considering asking the United Nations General Assem-

GAP IN THE FACT

The Indians feel that there is a gap in the armistice pact in that no provision has been made on what happens if January 22 arrived without convocation of a peace conference.

On the other hand, there appears to be no inclination on the part of the Indians to keep the POWs in the custody of their troops.

If they hand the 22,000 anti-Communist Chinese and North Koreans back to the United Nations Command there appears a good chance that they will quickly be released, though the United States may first want to get the General Assembly's sanction for such a step.

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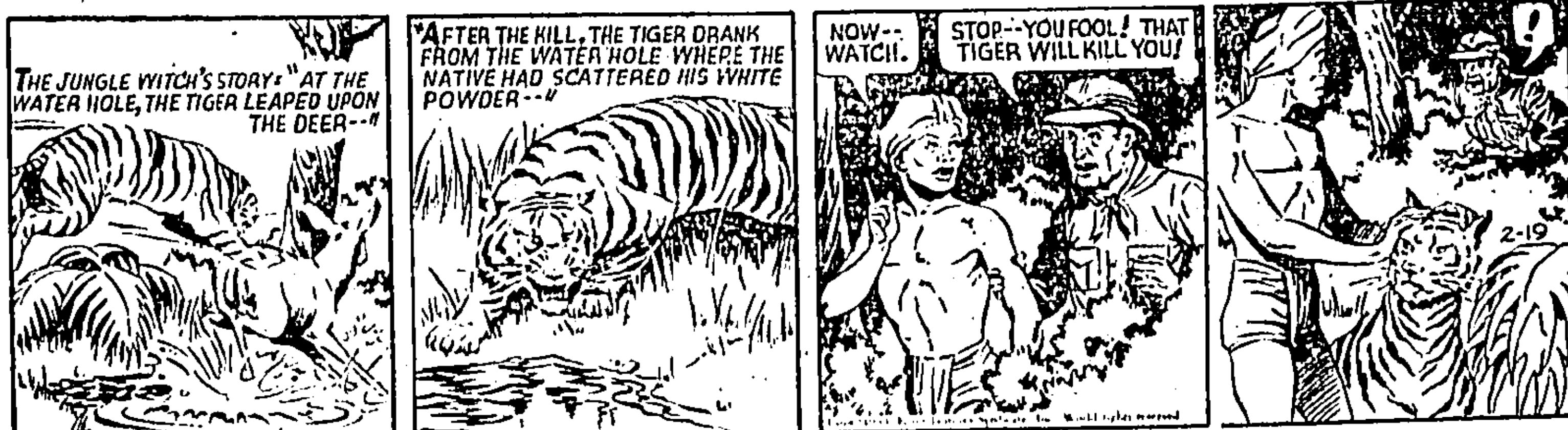
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New Appeal For Meeting Of Big Five

Vienna, Nov. 23.

Frederic Joliot-Curie, French atom scientist, opening the fifth session of the Communist-led World Peace Council here today, made a new appeal for a meeting of the Big Five powers.

He declared that it was one of the main tasks of the conference to pave the way for such a meeting. He told 400 delegates it would certainly be a good basis for future negotiations of current international problems.

This one-week Congress has two main topics: 1. Prohibition of Hydrogen bombs and mass destruction weapons and reduction of all armaments and steps to settle all current conflicts, particularly in the Far East and Germany.

2. Discussion of the proposal for a big world peace congress to be held next year. Jean Leclerc, Secretary-General of the World Peace Council, said there would be "freedom of speech" for all members, guests and observers during the present session. But because of limited time, speakers would be restricted to 15 minutes.—Reuter.

Almost 90 Per Cent

Belgrade, Nov. 23.

Candidates of Marshal Tito's Socialist Alliance, the leading Yugoslav party, received almost 90 per cent of the votes according to the first returns of the Yugoslav election for the Federal Council which were received here tonight. Eighty-five per cent voted in Serbia, 89 per cent in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 88.6 per cent in Croatia, 80 per cent in Slovenia, 88.9 per cent in Macedonia and 80 per cent in Montenegro. Two candidates directly chosen by groups of citizens were elected in Macedonia.—France-Press.

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